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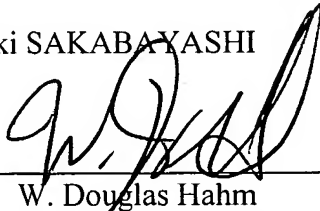
a. ☐ a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,

- b. ☐ a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith,
 - c. ☐ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page ,
 - d. ☐ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
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